

**REPORT/RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY, CALIFORNIA
AND RECORD OF ACTION**

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November 5, 2002

FROM: June Griffith-Collison, Interim Public Health Programs Administrator
Department of Public Health

SUBJECT: AMENDMENT TO MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH CALIFORNIA
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE NEIGHBORHOOD INTERVENTION
GEARED TO HIGH-RISK TESTING (NIGHT) PROGRAM

RECOMMENDATIONS: Approve **Amendment No. 1 to Contract No. 01-897**, the existing Neighborhood Intervention Geared to High-Risk Testing (NIGHT) grant, amending the Department's obligations under this MOU for the remainder of the contract period July 1, 2001 through June 30, 2004.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: On September 17, 2001, the Board of Supervisors approved the AIDS Master Grant Agreement (MGA) in the amount of \$4,407,036. This amount includes funding of the NIGHT program in the amount of \$240,000 for the contract period July 1, 2001 through June 30, 2004.

The NIGHT Program provides street outreach services, via a mobile van, to provide HIV antibody counseling and testing services to target populations. The Department will contact 400 people through street outreach. Services under this program are conducted in cooperation with various community-based organizations that have established experience and knowledge in outreaching and servicing the target population. The target population for this program includes: men who have sex with men; injection drug users and their sexual partners, people of color; and Medi-Cal eligible women of childbearing age. Outreach sites will be established through interviews with members of high risk communities. This funding provides outreach services to over 1,600 people within the target populations annually.

The proposed Amendment No. 1 to the NIGHT Program MOU will require the Department to identify a Program Review Panel to review and approve HIV/AIDS educational materials. The term "HIV/AIDS educational materials" includes printed or electronic materials, audiovisual materials, and pictorials. The task of the panel is to consider the appropriateness of messages within HIV/AIDS educational materials designed to communicate with various groups. In addition, the amendment changes the reporting requirements for the program progress reports from quarterly submission to semi-annual submission. No funding is added as a result of this amendment.

This item is being brought forward at this time because the Department did not receive Amendment No. 1 to the NIGHT MOU, which is attendant to the MGA, until October 7, 2002. This amendment does not change funding and therefore, does not require an amendment to the MGA. However, it does require approval of the amended NIGHT MOU by the Board of Supervisors.

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REVIEW BY OTHERS: This item has been reviewed and approved by County Counsel (Charles Larkin, Deputy County Counsel) on October 15, 2002. This item has also been reviewed and approved by the County Administrative Office (Gary McBride, Administrative Analyst) on October 23, 2002.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: Approval of this item requires no local County cost. Expenditures are fully reimbursed by the California Department of Health Services.

SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT(S): All

PRESENTER: June Griffith-Collison, Interim Public Health Programs Administrator, (909) 387-9146